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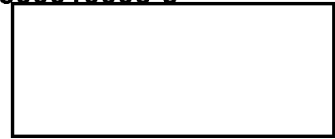
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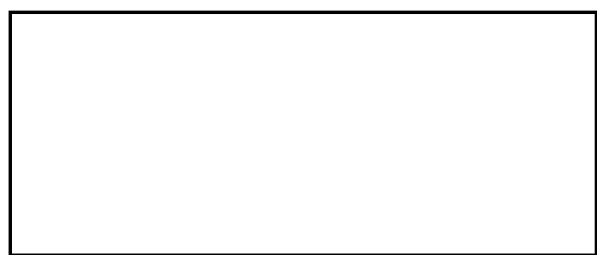
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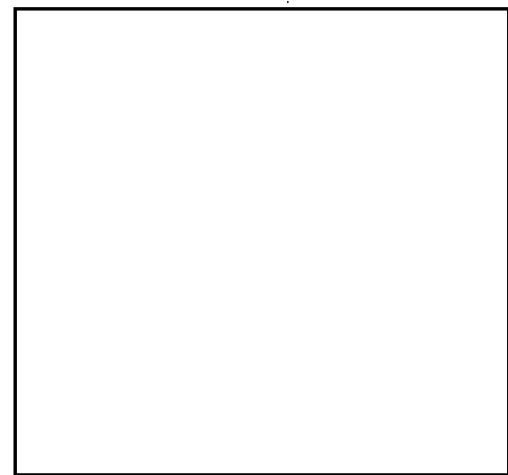
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1. PORTUGAL: FACED WITH MOUNTING CRITICISM OF PORTUGAL'S ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AND INCREASING SOCIAL UNREST, PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES FRIDAY APPEALED TO THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE FOR CALM AND A REDEDICATION TO THE COUNTRY'S SOCIALIST REVOLUTION. MEANWHILE, THE ARMY ASSEMBLY HAS CALLED ON THE RULING REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL TO REASSERT ITS AUTHORITY OVER THE NATION'S AFFAIRS.4

COSTA GOMES TOLD A NATIONWIDE RADIO AND TELEVISION AUDIENCE THAT PORTUGAL HAS BEEN SWEPT IN RECENT DAYS BY RUMORS THAT ARE LEADING TO AN "UNHEALTHY CLIMATE OF AGITATION AND ANXIETY." THE RUMORS--WHICH ALLEGE IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT--CAN ONLY SERVE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY INTERESTS, HE SAID.4

ALTHOUGH ADMITTING THAT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION EXIST AMONG THE COUNTRY'S LEADERS, HE INSISTED THEY ARE UNITED IN THEIR ACTIONS, DETERMINED TO DEFEND ORDER AND FIRM IN THEIR RESOLVE TO SEE THE REVOLUTION EMERGE VICTORIOUS. HE SAID THE MOST PRESSING NEED WAS FOR THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE TO STOP DISCUSSING THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS AND

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GET BACK TO WORK.4

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS FOLLOWED AN APPEAL FROM THE 120-MEMBER ARMY ASSEMBLY TO THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL TO REASSERT ITS LEADERSHIP. THE ASSEMBLY, ONE OF THREE MILITARY BRANCH ADVISORY BODIES WITHIN THE MOVEMENT, URGED THE COUNCIL TO SHOW "SUFFICIENT FIRMNESS" AND SAID THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY WAS "URGENT AND INDISPENSABLE."

COSTA GOMES' REMARKS AND THE ARMY ASSEMBLY'S APPEAL HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY A RECENT WAVE OF STRIKES AND INCREASING OUTBURSTS OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE, COUPLED WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL'S SEEMING INABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS ON CRITICAL ISSUES AND STICK TO THEM.4

RECENT INSTANCES OF THE COUNCIL'S EQUIVOCATION HAVE BEEN THE CASE OF THE SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER REPUBLICA AND THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE CHURCH RADIO. IN BOTH CASES THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN FORCED TO RETREAT FROM ITS ANNOUNCED POLICY BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM EXTREME LEFTISTS.4

THE HABIT OF THE COUNCIL OF BACKING DOWN IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION IN PART RESULTS FROM ITS DESIRE TO APPEAR TO BE ON THE

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SIDE OF THE WORKERS. THE POLICY REVERSES ALSO ILLUSTRATE THE SHIFTING NATURE OF THE THREE MAJOR FACTIONS WITHIN THE 30-MEMBER COUNCIL. THESE FACTIONS ARE:4

--SIX COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS, LED BY PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES.4

--THIRTEEN LEFT NATIONALISTS, LED BY ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO AND GENERAL OTELO DE CARVALHO.4

--NINE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS, LED BY PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES, AND THE CHIEFS OF THE THREE ARMED SERVICES.4

A NEWLY FORMED 11-MAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH SEES TO THE COUNCIL'S DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS, DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME FACTIONAL BREAKDOWN. THE MODERATE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS APPEAR TO HAVE FIVE MEMBERS ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMPARED TO FOUR FOR THE LEFT NATIONALISTS AND ONLY ONE COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZER, PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES. ONE APPEARS TO BE AN INDEPENDENT.

THE FACTIONS, HOWEVER, LINE UP DIFFERENTLY ON VARIOUS ISSUES, AND ONLY A FEW INDIVIDUALS ARE SOLIDLY COMMITTED TO ANY PARTICULAR LINE.4

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THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL IS CLEARLY IN THE THROES OF A DEEPENING LEADERSHIP CRISIS. BUFFETED FROM ALL SIDES, ITS COLLEGIAL MEMBERSHIP, WHICH HAS CONSISTENTLY STRIVEN TO SOLVE PORTUGAL'S WORSENING PROBLEMS BY CONSENSUS, MAY BE RECONSIDERING THE WISDOM OF COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP. THE UNPRECEDENTED CALL FROM THE ARMY ASSEMBLY FOR THE COUNCIL TO SET ITS HOUSE IN ORDER APPARENTLY REFLECTS A GROWING DISENCHANTMENT WITHIN THE MILITARY ITSELF AND COULD BE A HARBINGER OF CHANGE IN THE COUNCIL'S COLLECTIVE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

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2. CZECHOSLOVAK: PRAGUE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE FIRST CHANGES IN THE RULING PRESIDUM IN MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AND SET THE 15TH PARTY CONGRESS FOR NEXT APRIL. THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWED A TWO-DAY PLENUM OF THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.4

THE ECONOMIC EXPERTISE OF THE NEW FULL MEMBER OF THE PRESIDUM, VACLAV HULA, STATE PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, AND THE NEW ALTERNATE MEMBER JAN BARYL, PARTY SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE--UNDERScores

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THE REGIME'S CONCERN OVER THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE NEW APPOINTEES PROBABLY WILL ALSO HELP TO STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF PARTY CHIEF HUSAK BY DILUTING THE INFLUENCE OF ULTRA CONSERVATIVES IN THE PARTY'S TOP BODY. MEANTIME, THE RETENTION ON THE PRESIDIUM OF PRESIDENT SVOBODA, WHO IS INCAPACITATED, PRESUMABLY GIVES HUSAK AN ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE PROXY VOTE.4

COVERAGE OF THE PLENUM IN PRAGUE MEDIA INDICATES THAT THE PARTICIPATES STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ATTEMPTS AT LAST NOVEMBER PLENUM TO MITIGATE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE JUST ENDED PLENUM DEALT AT LENGTH WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS, INCLUDING PROGRESS IN DRAFTING THE FIVE YEAR PLAN, AND NEXT YEAR'S STATE PLAN.

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3. ROMANIA: CEAUSESCU ON JUNE 30 PUBLICLY CONFIRMED THAT SOME UNSPECIFIED MEMBERS OF THE LEADERSHIP HAVE OPPOSED--AND PROBABLY STILL OPPOSE--HIS AMBITIOUS

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EFFORTS TO FULFILL THE CURRENT FIVE-YEAR PLAN AHEAD
OF SCHEDULE.4

THE ROMANIAN LEADER SAID THAT RECENT FESTIV-
ITIES IN BUCHAREST, SUCEAVA, AND COVASNA--WHICH
HAVE CELEBRATED THE PLAN'S REPORTED FULFILLMENT
IN FOUR AND A HALF YEARS--SHOULD "PUT TO REST THE
DOUBTS AND DISTRUST MANIFESTED BY SOME" TOWARD
PREFULFILLING THE PLAN. CEAUSESCU COUPLED THESE
REMARKS WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT A PARTY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE PLENUM THIS MONTH WILL ANALYZE "THE WAY
THE FIVE YEAR PLAN IS BEING FULFILLED."4

IN BUCHAREST THERE ARE REPORTS THAT CEAUSESCU
HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS ABOUT TRYING TO REAP POLITICAL HAY
FROM THE ANNOUNCED PREFULFILLMENTS OF THE PLAN. THIS
SUGGESTS THAT HE STILL HAS DOUBTS THAT THE EFFORTS WILL
BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS HE HAD PROJECTED. IT ALSO SUGGESTS
THAT HE STILL FACES OPPONENTS LIKE FORMER PREMIER MAURER WHO, IN
A LITTLE PUBLICIZED SPEECH IN CLUJ IN 1972, CRITICIZED

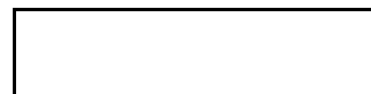
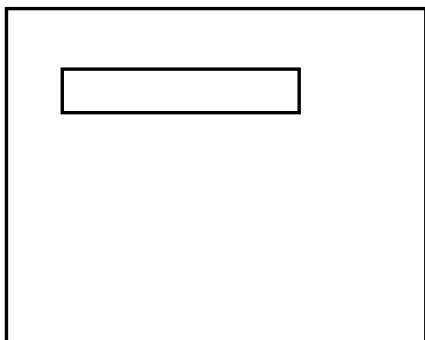
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CEAUSESCU'S OVERLY AMBITIOUS GOALS FOR THE
PREVIOUS FIVE YEAR PLAN. CEAUSESCU HAS SINCE RAD-
ICALLY REVAMPED THE LEADERSHIP, PARTICULARLY THE
ECONOMIC SECTOR, IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE PERFORM-
ANCE.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, THIS MONTH'S PLENUM
ASSUMES SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE
A KEY INDICATOR OF THE NATION'S ECONOMIC STATE. FURTHER
PERSONNEL SHIFTS IN THE LEADERSHIP MAY BE MADE AT THE
PLENUM. [REDACTED]

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ARGENTINA: THE RESIGNATION OF THE ARGENTINE CABINET, ANNOUNCED ON JULY 6, APPEARS DESIGNED TO ATTENUATE THE RISING OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT PERON'S ADMINISTRATION BY DEMONSTRATING THAT THE PRESIDENT, NOT HER CONTROVERSIAL WELFARE MINISTER AND CHIEF ADVISER, JOSE LOPEZ REGA, IS IN CHARGE.

THE PRESIDENT, IN FACT, MAY NOT BE MOVING TO LESSEN HER RELIANCE ON LOPEZ REGA, WHO IS ALSO HER PRIVATE SECRETARY, BUT MERELY TO CREATE THAT IMPRESSION. THE PRESIDENT'S RELUCTANCE TO LIMIT LOPEZ REGA'S ROLE HAS LED DIRECTLY TO HER CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH LABOR LEADERS, WHO HOLD LOPEZ REGA RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO ANNUL WAGE HIKE NEGOTIATED LAST MONTH.

SOME LEADERS OF THE PERONIST LABOR CONFEDERATION REPORTEDLY NOW FEEL THAT LOPEZ REGA'S OUSTER IS THEIR MOST IMPORTANT GOAL--MORE IMPORTANT THAN GAINING A REVERSAL OF THE DECISION ON WAGES. THE CABINET'S RESIGNATION CAME ONLY HOURS BEFORE THE START OF A TWO-DAY GENERAL STRIKE, THE SECOND SINCE THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION.

OPPOSITION POLITICIANS HAVE CALLED OPENLY FOR THE DISMISSAL

1. LAOS: THE LAO COMMUNIST HIGH COMMAND IN SAM NEUA HAS REPORTEDLY SELECTED PRO-HANOI HARDLINERS AS REPLACEMENTS FOR THREE POLITICALLY MODERATE PATHET LAO CABINET MINISTERS WHO ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE THE COALITION GOVERNMENT, OSTENSIBLY BECAUSE OF ILLNESS.4

GENERAL PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH--A HIGH-RANKING MEMBER OF THE LAO COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE--WILL REPLACE PHOUMI VONGVICHIT AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER. PHOUNE WAS CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR THE PATHET LAO DURING THE PROTRACTED TALKS WHICH LED TO THE PRESENT COALITION'S FORMATION SOME 15 MONTHS AGO. ALSO, KHAMPHAY BOUPHA--FOR YEARS HEAD OF THE PATHET LAO REPRESENTATION IN HANOI AND CURRENTLY THE COALITION'S AMBASSADOR TO NORTH VIETNAM--WILL REPORTEDLY REPLACE SOTH PHETRASY AS ECONOMICS MINISTER; AND THAO MA, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS A "GOVERNOR" OF SAM NEUA PROVINCE, WILL REPLACE SOUK VONGSAK AS INFORMATION MINISTER.

PHOUMI AND SOUK ARE SAID TO BE LEAVING VIENTIANE FOR "MEDICAL TREATMENT ABROAD," WHILE SOTH IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO SAM NEUA FOR A "REST." WE DO NOT KNOW IF THEY ARE BEING REPLACED ON A TEMPORARY OR

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CONTINUES TO SHOW SIGNS OF SURVIVING INDEFINITELY. KRIT HAS HINTED IN THE PAST THAT HE MIGHT SEEK THE PRIME MINISTERSHIP AFTER RETIRING FROM THE ARMY. THE FACT THAT KHUKRIT'S POLITICAL STATURE HAS GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY IN RECENT MONTHS IS SURE TO DEFLATE SUCH ASPIRATIONS, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT RUN. 07/4

1. LEBANON: THE "REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST ACTION ORGANIZATION" THAT HAS THREATENED TO KILL US ARMY COLONEL ERNEST MORGAN IN BEIRUT APPARENTLY IS THE SAME LEBANESE RADICAL GROUP THAT HAS CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF ATTACKS AGAINST OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE US INTERESTS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE GROUP USES LEFTIST RHETORIC AND FEDAYEEN TACTICS TO COVER WHAT ARE ESSENTIALLY CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES/ BY LATE LAST YEAR, IT HAD ATTEMPTED TO EXTORT MONEY FROM AT LEAST 50 BUSINESSES AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN LEBANON.4

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLO DENIED SUNDAY THAT THE FEDAYEEN WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR MORGAN'S ABDUCTION. MAJOR FEDAYEEN LEADERS—INCLUDING THE HEAD OF THE TERRORIST BLACK SEPTEMBER

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ORGANIZATION-HAVE CONDEMNED THE RECENT SPATE OF KIDNAPINGS IN LEBANON AND HAVE THREATENED TO "EXECUTE ANY PALESTINIAN" WHO ENGAGES IN THEM.4

IN A STATEMENT RELEASED TO SEVERAL BEIRUT NEWSPAPERS SUNDAY, THE KIDNAPERS SAID MORGAN WILL BE RELEASED IF BY WEDNESDAY NIGHT THE US MAKES PUBLIC THE STATEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST ORGANIZATION, ASKS THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT TO STOP SEARCHING FOR MORGAN, AND DELIVERS TO INHABITANTS OF A POOR SECTION OF BEIRUT LARGE QUANTITIES OF FOOD, CLOTHING, AND BUILDING MATERIALS.4

THESE CONDITIONS ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE GROUP'S IMAGE AND ELICIT PROTECTION FROM THE RELATIVELY DEPRIVED PART OF BEIRUT'S POPULATION. [REDACTED]

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2. LEBANON: LEFTIST POLITICAL GROUPS IN LEBANON, LED BY SOCIALIST PARTY CHIEF KAMAL JUMBLATT, ARE BECOMING MORE VOCAL IN OPPOSING THE NEW CABINET OF PRIME MINISTER KARAMI. FIVE LEFTIST PARTIES ISSUED A JOINT STATEMENT THURSDAY DENOUNCING THE CABINET AS REACTIONARY CHIEFLY BECAUSE IT INCLUDES PROMINENT RIGHT-WING

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CHRISTIAN LEADER CAMILLE SHAMUN AS INTERIOR MINISTER.4

JUMBLATT, WHO ALSO HELD A MEETING OF HIS OWN PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY THURSDAY, ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL OPPOSE THE KARAMI GOVERNMENT FOR SIMILAR REASONS, BUT HE GAVE KARAMI HIMSELF A BACK-HANDED COMPLIMENT, NOTING THAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS HIS ONLY FRIEND IN THE CABINET.4

JUMBLATT, WHO IS STILL ADAMANT IN HIS DEMAND THAT LEBANON'S GOVERNING SYSTEM BE MODIFIED, DID SAY THAT HE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN SECURITY. JUMBLATT AND THE OTHER LEFTIST LEADERS ARE LIKELY AT LEAST FOR NOW TO USE PEACEFUL MEANS IN OPPOSING THE GOVERNMENT.4

SECURITY AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED EARLY FRIDAY THAT MOP-UP OPERATIONS AGAINST POCKETS OF RADICALS IN THE TROUBLED SHIYAH DISTRICT OF BEIRUT HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT THE CITY HAD RETURNED TO "NORMAL." ISOLATED SNIPING AND BOMBING INCIDENTS HAD OCCURRED IN THE SHIYAH AREA SINCE THE CEASE-FIRE ON TUESDAY.4

A SPATE OF KIDNAPINGS SINCE THE CEASE-FIRE IS CAUSING CONCERN IN THE GOVERNMENT AND WAS THE CHIEF TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE NEW

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CABINET'S FIRST MEETING ON THURSDAY. THE GOVERNMENT IS WORRIED-AND
INTERIOR MINISTER SHAMUN PUBLICLY WARNED AFTER THE CABINET SESSION-
THAT CONTINUED INCIDENTS OF THIS SORT COULD QUICKLY PROVOKE NEW
FIGHTING.4

SOME FIGHTING CONTINUES IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY,
PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTHERN PORT CITY OF TRIPOLI. AFTER SEVERAL
NIGHTS OF CLASHES, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTENDING FACTIONS
REPORTEDLY AGREED WITH THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY TO ABIDE BY THE
CEASE-FIRE. FIGHTING BROKE OUT AGAIN THURSDAY, HOWEVER, AND
SECURITY FORCES WERE CALLED IN TO QUELL IT.

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